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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

BELLFLOWER/CERRITOS – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following closure for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane reconstruction and pavement rehabilitation project on the eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91). The HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes will be closed from the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) connector to Downey Avenue, nightly, Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 6, from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. for pavement replacement, landscape construction, and installation of a drainage system. At least one lane will be open to traffic at all times.

Route 91, one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County, was also one of the first freeways to offer HOV lanes. As a result, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear and needs to be replaced. The pavement replacement project will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Also, because of the 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials, the need for future maintenance will be reduced. This project began construction in spring 2003, and the final stage of the HOV portion will be completed in spring 2005.

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